

St. Andrew the Apostle

Taunton Catholic Church



Fourth Sunday of Easter

I am the good shepherd,
says the Lord;

I know my sheep,
and mine know me.

John 10:14

Mass is Live-streaming on the website Monday - Friday at 8:00am
Saturday Vigil at 4:00pm and Sunday at 8:00am and 10:30am

TELEVISED MASS SCHEDULE

T C A M TV — Taunton Community Access and Media Inc

HOLY MASS : Sunday 3:30pm Tuesday & Thursday 1:00pm

COMCAST CHANNEL : 15

VERIZON CHANNEL : 22

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**ST ANDREW THE APOSTLE
WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday, April 25th

4:00pm — Lola Moore, Joanne Gomes

Sunday, April 26th

8:00am — Carlos Leite

10:30am — Oliver Nwachukwu 1st Anniversary

Monday, April 27th

8:00am — Francisco & Maria Faria & Family,
Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, April 28th

8:00am — James McMahon

Wednesday, April 29th

8:00am — Lisa Barrus

Thursday, April 30th

8:00am — Rev. John A Gomes

Friday, May 1st

8:00am — Paulette Tyler 9th Anniversary

Saturday, May 2nd

10:00am — First Holy Communion Students

4:00pm — Alice Bousquin 1st Anniversary

Sunday, May 3rd

8:00am — Jose F., Jose M., & Maria A. Sousa,
The Fontes Family, Tobey Alford

10:30am — Maria & Jose Soares

Sanctuary Lamp for week of April 25th



Jack Sikorski

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BAPTISM

Parents who are registered and practicing members of the parish should call the rectory to make arrangements.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday at 3:30pm. Before and after all weekend Masses. Or at any time at the Rectory.

WEDDINGS

Couples who are registered and practicing members of the parish may call the rectory eight months in advance to make arrangements.

NEW PARISHIONERS

We welcome you to our parish! Registration forms are available at the entrances of the church. Please complete the form and return as soon as possible.

WOMEN OF FAITH

For more information, please contact Tara Sousa at 508-272-1173 or tarasousa@aol.com

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #11914

For more information, please contact Grand Knight, Bob Crossman, at 508-823-7920.

MEN OF ST JOSEPH

The group meets on the First Saturday of the month, September through June. Beginning with 9:00am Mass, followed by a meeting of fellowship and discussion. All men are welcome.

WOMEN AT THE WELL PRAYER GROUP

This group meets on the Second Saturday of the month. Beginning with the Holy Mass at 9:00am, followed by a fellowship and meditation. All women are welcome.

ST VINCENT de PAUL

508-880-1583

PRAYER and ADORATION:

MONDAY NOVENA

Our Lady of the
Miraculous Medal
Novena is held on

Monday evenings at 7:00pm
with Rosary and
Benediction.

**WEDNESDAY Divine
Mercy HOLY HOUR**

Meets in the church,
6:00pm to 7:00pm

**EUCCHARISTIC
ADORATION in CHAPEL**

St Joseph's Adoration
Chapel is open
Daily 7:00am to 7:00pm

**FRIDAY CENACLE
PRAYER GROUP**

Meets in the church,
Friday 1:00pm to 2:00pm

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FIRST READING**A Reading from The Book of the Acts of the Apostles****Acts 2:14a, 36-41**

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and proclaimed: "Let the whole house of Israel know for certain that God has made both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and they asked Peter and the other apostles,

"What are we to do, my brothers?"

Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is made to you and to your children and to all those far off, whomever the Lord our God will call." He testified with many other arguments, and was exhorting them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation."

Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand persons were added that day.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm**Psalm 23: 1-3a, 3b4, 5, 6**

R.\ The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

In verdant pastures he gives me repose;

beside restful waters he leads me;

he refreshes my soul.

R.\ The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want

He guides me in right paths

for his name's sake.

Even though I walk in the dark valley

I fear no evil; for you are at my side.

With your rod and your staff

that give me courage.

R.\ The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want

You spread the table before me

in the sight of my foes;

you anoint my head with oil;

my cup overflows.

R.\ The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want

Only goodness and kindness follow me

all the days of my life;

and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD

for years to come.

R.\ The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want

SECOND READING**A Reading from the First Letter of Saint Peter****1 Peter 2:20b-25**

Beloved: If you are patient when you suffer for doing what is good, this is a grace before God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example that you should follow in his footsteps. He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.

When he was insulted, he returned no insult; when he suffered, he did not threaten; instead, he handed himself over to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body upon the cross, so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you had gone astray like sheep, but you have now returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL**A Reading from The Gospel according to John****John 10:1-10**

Jesus said:

"Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever does not enter a sheepfold through the gate but climbs over elsewhere is a thief and a robber. But whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has driven out all his own, he walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice. But they will not follow a stranger; they will run away from him, because they do not recognize the voice of strangers." Although Jesus used this figure of speech, the Pharisees did not realize what he was trying to tell them.

So Jesus said again, "Amen, amen, I say to you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy; I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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By Father Edward A. Murphy

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Gospel of John

We all want to be happy. There is no one on the face of the planet who would consciously choose to be frustrated and miserable. Yet how is it that so many people unconsciously choose to be, or are missing the boat on what really makes life worthwhile? Jesus is the gate! If we truly want to fulfill our deepest human aspirations, we have to know and love Jesus Christ. As long as Jesus is second to anything or anyone in our life, we have not fully passed through the gate. Taking the plunge and truly passing through the gate is the best decision we could ever make.

If we don't go through the gate, we are vulnerable. Those who are not fully committed may find the offers of strangers quite enticing. But Christ's sheep reject those voices out of fidelity to their Shepherd. Perseverance in our Catholic faith and our Catholic lifestyle requires a constant effort to refocus on the Lord. Even if we are besieged by a cacophony of competing voices, the voice of the Lord will always rise above that din. We must be faithful. Our prayer life is the privileged place to screen out the noise and truly hear Christ, which is why our prayer is the most important time of the day. How vibrant is my prayer life?

The effort to go through the gate and to listen only to the voice of the Good Shepherd pays abundant dividends. I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly. What is that life like? Put simply, there's nothing like it. The abundant life that Christ gives us is the indwelling presence of the Holy Trinity in one's soul. It is the love that envelops authentically Christian homes and communities. It is the peace that comes from a conscience that has experienced forgiveness and is committed to living in the truth. What could anyone give us that can possibly compare to all of this?

Points To Ponder

For years we prayed for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. Nowadays we recognize the vocation of every Christian to be the light of Christ.

Jesus announced that his mission would be the kingdom or reign of God in the world. His taskforce would be the assembly of followers, later called the Church. In a vastly changed world, the Church of tomorrow will not be the same as the Church of the past. Jesus once described the kingdom of God as a hidden treasure. The treasure too long hidden is the grace of baptism received by every Christian. It is a vocation, a call to bring the light of Christ to others. According to the late Pope Francis, Spirit filled evangelizers are what the Church needs today. "How I long to find the words to stir up enthusiasm for a new chapter of evangelization full of fervor, joy, generosity, courage, boundless love and attraction!"

Pope Francis and now Pope Leo have asked the Church to engage in synodality, a method going back to the days of the apostles. A synod literally means walking together. It means discussing what needs to be changed. but above all, listening to the Holy Spirit. For many people today the Church is irrelevant, so they have walked away in another direction. But there is an emptiness in the jigsaw of the heart that only God can fill. A renewed Church will be closer to the ideals of the Gospel. People will recognize Jesus as the keystone of life. Let us trust in the Holy Spirit who transformed the confused apostles into zealous missionaries.

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**ST. ANDREW'S
WEEKLY PARISH SUPPORT**

Thank you for your support to our Parish Family. The Offertory for the weekend of

April 18th & 19th

Weekend Masses	\$ 3,390.00
2nd Collection	\$ 892.00
Candles	\$ 78.00
Steubenville Donation	\$ 700.00

This week's Second Collection will be for:
Fuel, Maintenance, & Repairs
Next week's Second Collection will be for:
Liturgical Expenses



**St. Andrew the Apostle
Faith Formation Schedule 2025 - 2026**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>GRADES 1- 8</u>	<u>CONFIRMATION GRADES 9-10</u>
4/26/2026	Grades 7 & 8 Grade 2	NO FAITH FORMATION FOR GRADE 10
4/26/2026	First Holy Communion Rehearsal for Grade 2: After 10:30am Mass (Mandatory)	
4/27/2026	Monday - Confirmation - Annunciation of the Lord at 6:00pm (Arrive no later than 5:30pm)	
5/2/2026	Saturday - First Holy Communion - 10:00am Mass for all Grade 2 Students (Arrive no later than 9:15am)	

Contact: faithformationtaunton@gmail.com

REMEMBER in PRAYER

Please remember in your prayers



Joanne Gomes



whose funeral Mass was
celebrated recently.

Easter Flowers

Easter Flowers were given in loving
memory of:



Joseph & Alice Oliveira,



Paul L. Moreau Sr. & Geo & Helen Crowell



Women of Faith Meeting

The Women of Faith will be having their
final meeting on Wednesday, May 6th. The
dinner will start at 6:30pm with the



meeting to follow. Hope to see
you all there as we wrap up
another successful year.

Healing Mass Schedule



St. Andrew's:

Thursday, April 30th

Rosary: 6:00pm

Mass: 6:30pm

**Lectors, Altar Servers,
& Eucharistic Ministers Needed**

St. Andrew's Parish is need of new Lectors,
Altar Servers, & Eucharistic Ministers for all
Masses. Training will be provided. If you are
interested in volunteering for any of these
positions, please contact the rectory at
508-824-5577 or email
www.standrewtaunton.org for more
information.



Young Adult Section

By Brooke Pina

Do you think Christians are easily recognizable to others? Should they be?

I think Christians definitely should be recognizable to others, but I don't think many of them are. I feel like others should be able to look at us and be able to tell we are Christians based on the way we act and the way we treat other people. Even if you aren't doing anything obvious like praying in public or wearing a special garment, having others assume or guess that you are Christian based on how you behave is a true testament to how well you follow God's teachings. "That person is so humble. That person is so generous. That person is so kind to people who don't deserve it. That person must be a Christian." The way you behave naturally should give away what your beliefs are without you having to say it directly. You don't have to be loud and boisterous about your faith for others to know you are Christian. It should showcase itself in your everyday life.


STEUBENVILLE CATHOLIC Youth Conference

EAST • JULY 24 - 26, 2026

HOSTED BY LIFE TEEN




Please scan the QR code or visit <https://lifeteen.com/steubenville/east/> for more information.



Roman Catholic Diocese of Fall River | NATIONAL Eucharistic Pilgrimage

The National Eucharistic Pilgrimage is coming to our diocese June 29th-30th, 2026

ONE NATION UNDER GOD

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Route

May 24 - July 5, 2026

National Eucharistic Pilgrimage General Talking Points

- The 2026 National Eucharistic Pilgrimage launches "One Nation Under God" in honor of America's 250th anniversary. It runs from Memorial Day weekend through July 5th.
- It extends the fruits of the three-year National Eucharistic Revival (2022-2024) and the 2024 National Eucharistic Congress.
- The pilgrimage coincides with the U.S. bishops' call to consecrate America to the Sacred Heart of Jesus in June 2026.
- Jesus Himself is brought directly into public spaces through Eucharistic processions, Masses, and Adoration.
- Our nation is unfinished, itself on a pilgrimage. One Nation Under God is not a declaration of power but a confession of dependence on God.
- Patroness: St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, first American citizen to be canonized.
- Begins in St. Augustine, Florida, and ends in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Over 2,000 miles. Passes through most of the original 13 colonies across 18 dioceses.
- Nine young adult perpetual pilgrims and two priest chaplains walk the entire route.

Access events for the Diocese of Fall River and National Pilgrimage as a whole by visiting: <https://bit.ly/NEPFallRiver>



Confirmation

Please keep our Faith Formation students in your prayers as they make their Confirmation this **Monday, April 27th.**

Evan Antonio Botelho

Alyssa Angelica Rodrigues

Alina Raquel Couto

Jacob Edward Tavares

Drew Jacob Negron

Brayden Dalton Taylor-Halnon

Alainah McKennah Perreault

***Confirmation will be held at 6:00pm*
at Annunciation of the Lord.**



First Holy Communion

Please keep our Faith Formation students in your prayers as they make their First Holy Communion this **Saturday, May 2nd.**

Selena Anderson

Mila Morasca

Carter Clinch

Christian Ortiz

Jayson Freitas

Claire Rodrigues

Matthew Gonsalves

Zavier Rodriguez

Ella Menard

Collin Sweeney

***First Holy Communion will be held at 10:00am*
at St. Andrew's Parish.**

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Sundays at 3:30pm

Tuesdays & Thursdays at 1:00pm

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TCAM TV — Taunton Community Access & Media Inc.

MASS LIVE STREAM SCHEDULE

***ON WEBSITE ***

Sunday at 8:00am & 10:30am

Monday - Friday at 8:00am

Saturday Vigil at 4:00pm



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Today, *April 26th* we recognize the World Day of Prayer for Vocations! Join us in prayer for young people seeking the will of God in their lives!

In Pope Francis's recent Apostolic Exhortation, *Christ is Alive!*, he writes, "The word 'vocation' can be understood in a broad sense as a calling from God, including the call to life, the call to friendship with him, the call to holiness, and so forth. This is helpful, since it situates our whole life in relation to the God who loves us. It makes us realize that nothing is the result of pure chance but that everything in our lives can become a way of responding to the Lord, who has a wonderful plan for us."

(Christus Vivit, no. 248)



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BE VIEWED ON
OUR
WEBSITE!**

All Masses are Livestreamed at
www.standrewtaunton.org

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